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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Amendment Response in 7 pages.
- (X) Declaration of Nicolaas C. Besseling Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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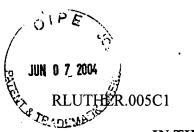
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2004, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.